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PBJC ENROLLMENT INCREASES

Student enrollment in credit courses increased to 7,459 during the Fall Term of the 1974-75 school year. Included in this figure are 2,990 full-time and 4,677 part-time students. The "FTE" or Full Time Equivalent for the Fall Term is 4,332 students - an increase of about 200 over the same term a year ago.

At a time when many colleges are experiencing a drop in enrollment it is encouraging to have an increase.

YOU AND CLEP

According to the Director of Personnel, many of our staff personnel have some college work, either taken here at PBJC or taken previously at some other college. The idea of actually earning a degree may not have occurred to you, but it is a possibility you might want to consider. The CLEP tests could make a degree a reality in a much shorter time than you think.

The general examinations include tests in English, Math, Natural Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences and a maximum of 27 credits can be earned. Credits are earned in those subjects passed so it's not required that you pass (or take) the entire general exam battery to earn credit.

Anyone wishing to have his previous college work evaluated to see if the CLEP tests would be of value should bring transcripts to Mr. Cook in AD-5, College Testing Center, of their college work.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXTENDED

During the last legislative session a law was passed extending unemployment compensation benefits to community college personnel who are laid off or who otherwise qualify for benefits. The College pays the full cost for any former personnel who collect benefits.

Humanities Happenings

Have you been wondering-curious-guessing-putting your imagination to work on/about the object of art which "took shape" last month on the lawn at the Humanities building? Dr. James Miles, the Chairman of the Art Department, explains to the interested readers of the Staff News. Following is a brief synopsis from Dr. Miles.

"Its Title is NOVA; materials used are Marble and Stainless Steel and it is 23' high. It was donated to PBJC by Mr. George Jenkins, a local West Palm Beach sculptor.

The intention of the artist was to create a visual form in space which would elicit emotional responses which would vary according to the moods or attitudes projected onto the sculpture by different people.

To some the sculpture suggests 'flight' or 'a bolt of lightning', others find pleasure in contemplating the textures of the materials used and the shapes of the different forms, or even the changes of the color and value of the surfaces of the marble and stainless steel during different times of the day and night."

As usual the Art Department invites each of you to visit the gallery in the Humanities building to see the interesting and exciting exhibits scheduled for the Fall term.

Sep. 3-27 The works of the internationally known photographer Jerry Ulsmann is on loan from the Ringling Museum of Art. Also exhibited is Photographs by two outstanding PBJC graduates, Ralph Blankenship and Don Waxman.

Oct. 1-31 Drawings and Paintings by Ed Kenny and Helga King, outstanding former PBJC art students.

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THE SAGA OF THE DIVE-BOMBING BIRDS

The summer of 1974 will long be remembered at PBJC for The Saga of the Dive-bombing Birds (TSDB).

At least it will be remembered by those who were on campus the last two weeks in June (and who enter and leave the college by way of the southeast corridor of the Finance Building), as something that replaced Watergate for awhile as the main topic of conversation.

Although Jim Watkins didn't realize it at the time, he was in on TSDB from the very beginning.

For it was Watkins who saw the mockingbirds' mating dance outside the cafeteria one day in April or May.

"The birds would bob their heads and bow and flutter their wings."

"The lighter one of the two would be bobbing and weaving and moving around while the other bird bobbed and stayed in the same place," Watkins explained.

"It was very impressive," Jim declared.

It wasn't until mid-June, however, that the birds were heard from again.

Joseph Schneider, Director of Personnel, arrived on campus one morning about ten before eight.

"As I approached the overhang near the stairwell by my office, I felt something light on the back of my neck.

"Startled, I jumped, and as I turned around, I realized it was a mockingbird."

"My first impulse was to look around to see if anyone had been watching, because I know I must have looked rather silly," Schneider said.

That same day, Jonathan Koontz, Coordinator of Information Services, felt a sharp blow on his right shoulder blade as he approached the stairway.

"I was almost underneath the balcony, so at first I thought I had been hit by a falling book or palm frond.

"But as I looked around, I saw a miniature fighter plane coming at me."

"If I hadn't ducked, I'd have been hit on the head."

"Loud squawking drew my attention to a nearby tree, where another bird was scolding angrily, and I hurried on to the stairs," Koontz said.

It was Dick Jones of Purchasing, walking to his car one afternoon with his hands full of bids - - forgetting the birds momentarily - - who had one of the most hilarious escapades of all.

"As I got to the parking lot, the bird came at me, and I forgot about the bids as I went to swat him."

"The bids went flying every which way on the lawn, and as I bent down to gather them up, one at a time, the bird kept flying down and hitting me in the back."

"I felt sort of foolish."

"It's a strange feeling, running away from a small bird," Jones said, grinning.

Others who had similar experiences were Dr. G. Tony Tate, Dean of Business Affairs, Loretta Taylor, Finance, Frank Adams, Basic Studies, Helen Diedrich, Director of Health Services, and Matt Bell, Receiving.

Alicia Markwood was teased about her bird encounter being a figment of her imagination by Comptroller Barry Rogers, until the day Rogers had to fend off one of the marauding birds with a crutch (Rogers broke his leg this summer).

Angela Johnson, Purchasing, found herself ducking and running several times to escape the persistent creatures, and Hamid Faquire, Accountant, pursued by mockingbirds on several campus locations, discovered that as long as he carried a stick, the attackers stayed away.

Switchboard Operator, Mary Powell, thinks the birds were first frightened the day several palm trees were being trimmed near their nest (which Jean Davis, Payroll, later discovered in a bush to the right of the corridor entrance).

Mary tells of several episodes with the warrior mock-

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THE PERSONNEL REPORT

by J. M. Schneider

RETIREMENT CHANGES FORTHCOMING

Effective January 1, 1975 all college personnel in the Florida Retirement will no longer contribute 4% for retirement. Most classified personnel are currently in the Florida Retirement System except for a few employees who decided to remain in an older plan rather than transfer a few years ago. Those few employees in this category may transfer to the Florida Retirement System on or before November 30, 1974.

The College has been matching the 4% retirement contribution for all regular full-time and regular part-time personnel in the Florida Retirement System. Starting on January 1, 1975 the employee's 4% contribution will be absorbed by the College. The College will also pay an additional 1% into the retirement fund. Thus 9% of earnings will be paid by the College into the Florida Retirement System.

The net effect of this change will be a 4% larger paycheck for personnel in the Florida Retirement System.

Those personnel in another retirement plan should make a careful comparison between their present retirement plan and the Florida Retirement System. The Florida Retirement System does require contributions for social security whereas some of the older retirement plans do not. If anyone desires further information, your supervisor or the Personnel Office should be contacted.

BETTY NOBIS RETIRES

On August 30 Betty Nobis retired from the College. She had completed 16 years of dedicated service at Palm Beach Junior College. During this time she was the Secretary to the President, Dr. Harold C. Manor. Although Betty apparently had some reservations about leaving, she does have a number of outside interests and was anxious to spend more time with her children and grandchildren. Best wishes for enjoyable retirement years, Betty!

PERSONNEL CHANGES

With the retirement of Betty Nobis, Betty Schmidt was promoted to the position of Secretary to the President. Betty's promotion left a vacancy for a Clerk Stenographer in the Research Office. Alice Carlisle was promoted into this position from her Clerk Typist assignment in Physical Education. Mary Bell is the new Clerk Typist replacing Alice in the Physical Education Department.

Since the last issue of the "Staff News" four months ago (there was no summer issue), there have been a number of other new regular full-time classified personnel employed. Our list of new names includes:

Matthew Bell	Warehouseman-Purchasing
Stanley Benn	Electrician-Physical Plant
Owen Bruce	Sr. Programmer-Data Proc.
Mary Cannon	Clinic Nurse-Student Personnel
Jane Fettig	Key Punch Oper.-Data Proc.
Salle Griffiths	Clerk Typist-Academic Affairs
Madlyn Hebert	Clerk Typist-Registrar's Office
Myra Jones	C.E.L. Teacher-Social Science
Jorge Martos	Main. Mechanic-Physical Plant
Joanna Michaels	Clerk Typist-Purchasing
Marie Piber	Clerk Typist-Evening Division
Fanchon Stewart	Clerk-Student Personnel

Gail Rodela has also resumed a full-time assignment in the Registrar's Office. Michele Johnson was re-employed as a Clerk Typist in Dental Health after leaving Purchasing a few months previously. Judy Hogan is back on a full-time basis in Finance as a Clerk Typist in the Payroll Office. Janet House has also returned as a Key Punch Operator on a regular part-time schedule in Data Processing.

Lynn Templeton was reclassified to a higher position as a Print Shop Technician. Sharon Polete (Laird) got married and reclassified to Department Technician after receiving her associate degree. Marilyn Vazquez was promoted to Clerk Stenographer in the Personnel Office. Finally, Donald Sommers was elevated to Carpenter from a Maintenance Mechanic in Physical Plant.

AROUND CAMPUS

Vacations were the highlight of the summer and one of the most interesting was the one enjoyed by Sue Frazier and her husband. Sue and Bob flew to Vancouver, British Columbia where they toured the island and visited friends who then accompanied them on an 8-day cruise to Glacier Bay in Alaska. They visited Ketchikan, Juno, and Sitka, a most beautiful city on an island off the mainland. Sitka was settled originally by the Russians and shows a great deal of Russian influence according to Sue. The cruise of Glacier Bay was enjoyed most by Sue, and her husband was thrilled most by a salmon fishing trip where he caught his first salmon.

It's back-to-school time again for Jack Woodyard, son of Norma and Jack Woodyard. Jackie is in his last quarter at Florida State, majoring in Mass Communications with a minor in Accounting.

Tina Sanders, daughter of Jeanette and Jack Sanders, has returned to the University of South Florida where she is in her senior year, majoring in Speech Pathology and Audiology. Her folks look forward to seeing her at home for her birthday in October.

Diane Gladwin, formerly of Payroll, left August 30 and was married September 7 to John Cates, son of Joyce and Bob Cates. The wedding took place at 5:00 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd in Tequesta. John and Diane are both P.B.J.C. graduates. After a trip through the Smokies they will live in Cheyenne, Wyoming where John is stationed at Frances E. Warren Air Force Base. Joyce and Bob are leaving October 2 to pay them a visit in Wyoming.

Alex Stemerman, Shipping and Receiving Clerk in the Bookstore, recently spent his vacation touring the State of Florida.

The following appeared in the June issue of the Readers Digest:

"The typists in our office were struggling to meet deadlines amid many interruptions from staff and visitors. One hectic Friday afternoon, this sign appeared above their desks: Typists at work. Please do not speak to driver while carriage is in motion. The sign did the trick and the typists met their deadlines.

HUMANITIES HAPPENINGS

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Nov. 5-29 Drawings and Crafts by Josephine Gray, PBJC art instructor.

Dec. 3-20 Student Exhibition. Progress exhibit of outstanding works by PBJC art students.

The Drama Department is just beginning to work on their Fall production to be presented in November, while the Music Department is busy rehearsing for their programs later in the term - - such as the Scholarship Concert scheduled for Nov. 17 and Pacesetters Fall show on Nov. 25. Publicity concerning these and other events will be forthcoming - - watch for it in bulletins flyers, etc.

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ingbirds, one of which left her with a bruised shoulder.

Rose Smith, Payroll, was dived at three times and Wilma Weigel, Bookkeeper, told of having the day-lights scared out of her in a similar experience.

Other News Bureau Personnel with bird anecdotes were Lorraine Horne, who was "dived on and cussed at" by the mockingbirds, and photographer Joel Davies, who watched in amusement as fellow lensman, Andrew Daneman, was chased while loaded down with cameras and other photo equipment.

News Bureau Sports Writer Robin Plitt ducked in the nick of time to avoid a collision with one of the birds.

Al Fellner, Accountant, smiles as he recalls "taking the chicken route" around the other side of the Finance Building after being hit in the middle of the back by one of the birds.

"It was quite a topic of conversation in Finance," says Al, "with some wanting to call Building and Grounds to move the nest, and others feeling the birds shouldn't be bothered, but before anything was done about it, the baby birds must have learned to fly, and it was all over."